

April 19, 2007

Meeting Notes- Land Use Committee

1. Members present: Chuck Roady,, Velvet Phillips-Sullivan,, Myrt Webb, Karen Reeves, Jeff Harris, Kerry Finley, Jennifer Gerber.
2. There were no changes to the agenda.
3. Water Resources- Kerry brought a map that showed the ground water table in the valley. It was noted that large areas have groundwater that is less than 5 feet below the surface.
4. Game Resources- Karen brought several maps that show important wildlife areas.
5. Data Review- the ground water map, physical constraint map, septic density map and fire risk map were placed on the wall for discussion.

Discussion Points:

- What is most at risk water quality or view sheds?
 - It would be useful to overlay the different maps to see what intersects.
 - The only corridor protected from close by development is US 2 to the east of Col Falls.
 - Data produced by this committee would be useful for future neighborhood plan work.
 - If the committee wishes to affect the growth policy there will be a growth policy update at the end of this year.
6. The committee decided on a goal of having our work completed in time to be considered for the growth policy update at year's end. To be ready we need to have our report to the task force by the September meeting.
 7. A sample format for the report was passed to committee members. The sample used the format done by last year's transportation committee for their report.
 8. For the next meeting Myrt will invite Tom Reynolds, the manager of the county GIS department to discuss what kind of overlay mapping might be possible to do for the committee. Bob Horne, City of Whitefish Planning Director, will also be invited to discuss the view shed planning done in his previous job in Wyoming.
 9. Myrt will contact Jed Fisher, county Park Director about a county park and recreation map.
 10. The next meeting will be 3 May.

